



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, to take account of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In accordance with its undertakings under the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the Community replaced the variable agricultural levies and other non-tariff barriers by fixed customs duties from 1 July 1995. This replacement affects the agricultural concessions granted pursuant to the Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (Baltic States), and could, in particular, reduce the preferential access to the Community market for certain agricultural products originating in the countries concerned. In order to maintain the degree of preference granted, it is therefore necessary to adjust the agricultural concessions provided for in the Agreements on free trade and trade related matters.
2. On 6 March 1995, the Council adopted negotiating directives for the conclusion of additional protocols to the Europe Agreements (Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria and Romania) as regards, in particular, agricultural products. These directives provide for measures for the adjustment of the agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreements, taking into consideration the Community's undertakings pursuant to the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations (point 1 above) as well as the need for a supplementary improvement of the concessions.
3. On 27 June 1996, the Council adopted negotiating directives on adaptations to the Agreement on free trade and trade-related matters with the Baltic States. These directives provide for the adaptations of the above-mentioned agreements, in the same manner as for the CEEC countries covered by the Council mandate of 6 March 1995, avoiding any legal and economic discrimination between partners covered by the same pre-accession strategy. The negotiations which were conducted on the basis of the mandate have now ended and the results should be put into force.
4. The Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters with the Baltic States provide, moreover, for the modification of concessions on agricultural products within a period of three years from their entry into force. Pursuant to the procedure laid down in Article 14 (3) of the Agreements with Latvia and Lithuania and Article 13 (3) of the Agreement with Estonia, the relevant Joint Committees examined some further improvements to the concessions.

5. The purpose of the present proposal is to implement the results of the negotiations mentioned under point 3. and the examinations of the Joint Committees referred to in point 4., without delay. As in the case of the CEEC countries, the adaptations for the Baltic States will take the form of additional protocols to the initial Agreements. However, pending the ratification of the additional protocols by all the parties concerned, interim additional protocols covering solely the trade-related aspects of the additional protocols will be brought into effect. Because of the excessively tight deadlines, these interim protocols cannot enter into force on 1 July 1996. For this reason, and as the Community agreed for the CEECs, the present proposal for a Regulation places the modification in force on an autonomous and transitional basis for the Baltic States.
6. On the date of entry into force of the interim additional protocols, the concessions provided for in these protocols will replace those contained in the present proposal.
7. The lists of transitional autonomous measures provided for in this proposal, which are specific to each country, will replace those set out in the agricultural annexes to the Agreements on Free Trade and trade related matters. They are contained in Annexes Ia to IIIb to this proposal.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Agreements on Free Trade and trade-related matters concluded between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Estonia¹, the Republic of Latvia² and the Republic of Lithuania³, respectively, of the other part, provide for concessions for certain agricultural products originating in those countries; whereas those concessions involve reductions in the variable levies under tariff quotas and reductions in customs duties;

Whereas, pursuant to the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations⁴, the Community undertook to turn all variable agricultural levies and other non-tariff barriers into their tariff equivalent and to replace them by fixed customs duties from 1 July 1995;

Whereas the replacement of variable levies and other barriers by customs duties affects the concessions granted pursuant to the Free Trade Agreements and could reduce the preferential access to the Community market granted to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania;

¹ OJ No L 373, 31.12.1994, p.1

² OJ No L 374, 31.12.1994, p.1

³ OJ No L 375, 31.12.1996, p.1

⁴ OJ No L 336, 31.12.1994, p.23

Whereas, in accordance with the directives concerning agricultural products adopted on 27 June 1996, negotiations are currently under way with the countries concerned for the conclusion of additional protocols to the Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters; whereas 'interim' additional protocols will cover solely the trade-related aspects of the additional protocols; whereas, because of the excessively tight deadlines, however, such interim additional protocols cannot enter into force on 1 July 1996;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to provide for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of the agricultural concessions provided for in the Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters; whereas the adjustment should take effect from 1 July 1996;

Whereas the Agreements with the Baltic States provide for the possibility of revising the concessions on agricultural products within three years on the basis of an examination by the Joint Committee ;

Whereas the three Joint Committees have examined the possibility for further improvement of concessions, in particular to take into account the fundamental changes which the economies of the Baltic States have undergone since the entry into force of the agreements;

Whereas the results of this examination should be included in the additional protocol and be put into effect as from 1 July 1996 as well, on an autonomous and transitional basis,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

This Regulation provides, as an autonomous and transitional measure, for the opening of tariff quotas and the adjustment of concessions for certain agricultural products provided for in the Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters with the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 2

1. The arrangements for import into the Community applicable to certain agricultural products originating in Estonia as set out in Annexes Ia, Ib and Ic to this Regulation shall replace those set out in Annexes III, IV and V to the Agreements on free trade and trade-related matters between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Estonia, of the other part.
2. On the date of entry into force of the interim additional protocol adjusting the Agreement referred to in paragraph 1, the concessions provided for in that protocol shall replace those referred to in Annex Ia, Ib and Ic to this Regulation.

3. In the case of products originating in Estonia, the Commission may reduce the specific amount applicable, within the quota opened under the GATT of 169 000 head of live cattle, to ECU 399 per tonne.

Article 3

1. The arrangements for import into the Community applicable to certain agricultural products originating in Latvia as set out in Annexes IIa, IIb and IIc to this Regulation shall replace those set out in Annexes VII, VIII and IX to the Agreement on free trade and trade-related matters between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Latvia, of the other part.
2. On the date of entry into force of the interim additional protocol adjusting the Agreement referred to in paragraph 1, the concessions provided for in that protocol shall replace those referred to in Annexes IIa, IIb, and IIc to this Regulation.
3. In the case of products originating in Latvia, the Commission may reduce the specific amount applicable within the quota opened under the GATT of 169 000 head of live cattle to ECU 399 per tonne.

Article 4

1. The arrangements for import into the Community applicable to certain agricultural products originating in Lithuania as set out in Annexes IIIa and IIIb to this Regulation shall replace those set out in Annexes IX, X and XI to the Agreement on free trade and trade-related matters between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Lithuania, of the other part.
2. On the date of entry into force of the interim additional protocol adjusting the Agreement referred to in paragraph 1, the concessions provided for in that protocol shall replace those referred to in Annexes IIIa and IIIb to this Regulation.
3. In the case of products originating in Lithuania, the Commission may reduce the specific amount applicable within the quota opened under the GATT of 169 000 head of live cattle to ECU 399 per tonne.

Article 5

The Commission shall adopt detailed rules for the application of this Regulation:

- in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92⁵, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 923/96⁶, and the

⁵ OJ No L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21

⁶ OJ No L 126, 24.5.1996, p. 37

corresponding provisions of the other Regulations on the common organization of the markets, or

- in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2178/95⁷.

Article 6

The concessions provided for in the annexes to this Regulation, in the form of tariff quotas with an Order Number, replace the annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2382/95⁸ and annex VI to Council Regulation (EC) No 2178/95, as amended most recently by Council Regulation (EC) No. 921/96⁹.

Article 7

The Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation annexed to the Agreements in question, concluded between the Community and each of the Republics, shall apply to the measures provided for in this Regulation.

Article 8

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply from 1 July 1996.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

⁷ OJ No L 223, 20.9.1995, p. 1

⁸ OJ No L 244 12.10.1995, p.44

⁹ OJ L126 24.5.1995, p.1

ANNEX I a

ESTONIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Estonia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty) :

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0102.90.41 0102.90.49 0102.90.05	Live bovine animals: 160 kg < live weight < 300 kg live weight < 80 kg	20	153 000 heads 178 000 heads	153 000 heads 178 000 heads	153 000 heads 178 000 heads	153 000 heads 178 000 heads	153 000 heads 178 000 heads	153 000 heads 178 000 heads	(3)
	ex0102.90	Heifers and cows of the following mountain breeds: grey, brown, yellow, spotted Simmental and Pinzgau	6% ad valorem	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	(4)
	0201 0202	Meat of bovines, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	1500	1575	1650	1725	1800	1875	(5)
	0203	Meat of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	1000	1050	1100	1150	1200	1250	(6)
	0204	Meat of sheep or goats	free	100	105	110	115	120	125	(5)

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Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0810.30.10	Blackcurrants, fresh	82	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	(7)
	0810.40.30 0810.40.50	Bilberries of the species " <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> " Fruit of the species " <i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i> " and " <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> "	free 74	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0810.90.80	Other berries	42	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	1601.00	Sausages and similar products	20	500	525	550	575	600	625	
09.6462		Apple juice juice of a density not exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³ at 20°C:	20	50	53	56	59	62	65	(9)
	2009.70.30	Of a value exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight, containing added sugar								
	2009.70.93	Of a value not exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net, weight, with an added sugar content not exceeding 30% by weight								
	2009.70.99	Not containing added sugar								

In nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as being determined, within the context of this annex, by the coverage of the CN code. It is determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

Duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In case imports exceed 100 heads for any given year, the Community may take the management measures needed including any other rights given under the Agreement.

Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The applied duty is 6%.

and Lithuania. The Community may take into account, in the framework of its legislation, the needs of its market and the need to maintain its market balance.

tenderloins presented alone.

Minimum import price arrangements.

the Council of the new version of Protocol n.4 on rules of origins.

(9) Global quota with pear juice CN code 2009,80,50 - 2009,80,69

ANNEX I b

ESTONIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Estonia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty) :

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty. (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific prov.
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0408.11	Dried egg yolks	20	100	105	110	115	120	125	
09.6463	0602.30.00	Rhododendrus and azaleas	20	700	735	770	805	840	875	
	0602.40	Roses, live plant	50	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0602.90	Other live plants	50	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
09.6464	0603.90	Cut flowers, other than fresh	20	50	53	56	59	62	65	
	0604.91.21 0604.91.29	Christmas trees	50	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	

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Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific prov.
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
09.6468	0910.91.90	Spices, crushed or grounds	20	250	263	276	289	302	315	(4)
	1214.90.10	Swedes, mangolds.....,other	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	1502.00	Fats of bovine animals	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	1506.00.00	Other animal fats and oils	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
09.6469	1514.90.90	Rape ,colza....., other than crude oil	20	100	105	110	115	120	125	
	1602.41.90	Prepared or preserved meat of swine, other	20	50	53	56	59	62	65	
	2005.90.75	Preparations of vegetables : Sauerkraut	50	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
09.6462	2009.80.50	Pear juice of a density not exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³ at 20°C: Of a value exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight, containing added sugar	20	50	53	56	59	62	65	(5)
	2009.80.69	Not containing added sugar								
09.6470	2207.10.00	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strenght by volume of 80% vol or higher	20	50	53	56	59	62	65	

(1) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where exCN codes are indicated the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

(3) Subject to minimum import price arrangements

(4) This concession is subject to the approval by the Council of the new version of Protocol n.4 on rules of origins

(5) Global quota with Apple juice CN code 2009,70,30 - 2009,70,93 - 2009,70,99

Annex to Annex Ia and Ib

**Minimum import price arrangement for certain
soft fruit for processing**

1. Minimum import prices are fixed for each marketing year for the following products :

CN Code	Description
0810 10	Strawberries, fresh
0810 30 10	Blackcurrants, fresh
0810 30 30	Redcurrants, fresh
0811 20	Berries, frozen
0811 10	Strawberries, frozen

The minimum import prices are fixed by the Community in consultation with **Estonia** taking into consideration the price evolution, imported quantities and market development in the Community.

2. The minimum import prices shall be respected in accordance with the following criteria :
 - during each three-month period of the marketing year the average unit value for each product listed in paragraph 1, imported into the Community, shall not be lower than the minimum import price for that product,
 - during any period of two weeks the average unit value for each product listed in paragraph 1, imported in the Community shall not be lower than 90% of the minimum import price for that product, in so far as the quantities imported during this period are not less than 4% of the normal annual import.
3. In case of non-respect of one of these criteria the Community may introduce measures ensuring that the minimum import price is respected for each consignment of the product concerned imported from Estonia.

ANNEX I c

ESTONIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Estonia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty) :

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES				
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)
	0402.10.19	Skimmed milk powder	20	1500	1575	1650	1725	1800	1875
	0402.21.19	Whole milk powder							
	0405.10.11 0405.10.19	Butter	20	700	735	770	805	840	875
09.6448	0701	Potatoes, fresh or chilled	20	800	850	900	950	1000	1050

(1) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where exCN codes are indicated the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

ANNEX II a

LATVIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Latvia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty) :

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0102.90.41 0102.90.49	Live bovine animals : 160 kg < live weight < 300 kg	20	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	(3)
	0102.90.05	live weight < 80 kg		178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	
	ex 0102.90	Heifers and cows of the following mountain breeds : grey, brown , yellow, spotted Simmental and Pinzgau	6% ad valorem	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	5000 heads	(4)
	0201 0202	Meat of bovines, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	1500	1575	1650	1725	1800	1875	(5)
	0203	Meat of domestic swine , fresh chilled and frozen	20	1000	1050	1100	1150	1200	1250	(6)
	0204	Meat of sheep or goats	free	100	105	110	115	120	125	(5)

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Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0602.40	Roses, grafted or not	72	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
09.6456	0704.90.10	White cabbages and red cabbages	20	200	210	220	230	240	250	
09.6457	ex0706.10.00	Carrots	20	200	210	220	230	240	250	
	0706.90.30	Horse radish	47	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0707.00.25. 0707.00.30	Cucumbers, fresh or chilled (from 16 May to 31 October)	80	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0709.51.30	Chanterelles	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
09.6458	0710.10.00	Potatoes, frozen	20	200	210	220	230	240	250	
	0810.40.30	Bilberries of the species " <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> "	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0810.40.50	Fruit of the species " <i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i> " and " <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> "	74	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0810.40.90	Other berries	42	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	09.09.40	Seeds of caraway	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	1601.00.91	Sausages, dry or for spreading uncooked	20	200	210	220	230	240	250	
	1602.50.10	Prepared or preserved bovine meat	20	200	210	220	230	240	250	
	2009.70.30 2009.70.93	Apple juice of a density not exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³ at 20°C: Of a value exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight, containing added sugar Of a value not exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight, with an added sugar content not exceeding 30% by weight	67	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	2009.70.99	Not containing added sugar	67	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	

(1) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where exCN codes are indicated the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

(3) The quota for this product is opened in the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In case imports into the Community of live bovine domestic animals may exceed 500,000 heads for any given year, the Community may take the management measures needed to protect its market, notwithstanding any other rights given under the Agreement.

(4) The quota for this product is opened for Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The applied duty is 6%.

2 (5) The quota for the product is globally opened for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The Community may take into account, in the framework of its legislation and when appropriate, the supply needs of its market and the need to maintain its market balance.

(6) Excluded tenderloins presented alone.

ANNEX II b

LATVIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Latvia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty):

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
09.6471	0811.10	Strawberries , frozen	20	200	210	220	230	240	250	(3)
09.6472	1104.12.900	Oats, flaked	20	300	315	330	345	360	375	
09.6473	1108.13.00	Potato starch	20	400	420	440	460	480	500	
09.6474	2001.10	Preserved cucumbers and gherkins	20	150	158	166	174	182	190	
09.6475	2005.90.75	Sauerkraut	20	110	116	122	128	134	140	

(1) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this annex, by the coverage of the CN code.

Where exCN codes are indicated the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

(3) Subject to minimum import price arrangements.

Annex to Annex IIb

**Minimum import price arrangement
for certain soft fruit for processing**

1. Minimum import prices are fixed for each marketing year for the following products :

CN Code	Description
0811 10	Strawberries, frozen

The minimum import prices are fixed by the Community in consultation with **Latvia** taking into consideration the price evolution, imported quantities and market development in the Community.

2. The minimum import prices shall be respected in accordance with the following criteria :
- during each three-month period of the marketing year the average unit value for each product listed in paragraph 1, imported into the Community, shall not be lower than the minimum import price for that product,
 - during any period of two weeks the average unit value for each product listed in paragraph 1, imported in the Community shall not be lower than 90% of the minimum import price for that product, in so far as the quantities imported during this period are not less than 4% of the normal annual import.
3. In case of non-respect of these criteria the Community may introduce measures ensuring that the minimum import price is respected for each consignment of the product concerned imported from Latvia.

ANNEX II c

LATVIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Latvia shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty):

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific prov.
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
09.6456	0704.90.10	White cabbages and red cabbages	20	150	158	166	174	182	190	
	0405.10	Butter	20	-	460	-	-	-	-	(3)

(1) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature, the wording for the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where exCN codes are indicated the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

(3) This quantity represent the carry-over of the non-utilized '95 quota

ANNEX III a

LITHUANIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Lithuania shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty) :

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0101.19.10	Live horses : Horses for slaughter	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0101.19.90	Other	64							
	0102.90.41 0102.90.49	Live bovine animals : 160 kg < live weight < 300 kg	20	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	153 000 heads	(3)
	0102.90.05	live weight < 80 kg		178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	178 000 heads	
	ex 0102.90	Heifers and cows of the following mountain breeds : grey, brown , yellow, spotted Simmental and Pinzgau	6% ad valorem	5.000 heads	5.000 heads	5.000 heads	5.000 heads	5.000 heads	5.000 heads	(4)
	0204	Meat of sheep or goats	free	100	105	110	115	120	125	(5)

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0201 0202	Meat of bovines, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	1500	1575	1650	1725	1800	1875	(5)
	0203	Meat of domestic swine, fresh, chilled or frozen	20 ,	1000	1050	1100	1150	1200	1250	(6)
	0206.22.90 0206.41.99	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen	free free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0207.34 0207.36.81 0207.36.85	Fatty livers of geese or ducks, fresh, chilled or frozen	free	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	0207.11.30 0207.11.90 0207.12.10 0207.12.90 0207.13.50 0207.13.60 0207.14.50 0207.14.60	Chicken carcasses; breast of chicken; legs of chicken	20	500	525	550	575	600	625	
	0402.10.19 0402.21.19	Skimmed milk powder Whole milk powder	20	3500	3675	3850	4025	4200	4375	
	0402.99.11	Milk or cream, condensed, added sugar	20	200	210	220	230	240	250	

[illegible]

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	1502.00.90	Fats of bovine animals	64	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	2009.70.30	Apple juice of a density not exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³ at 20°C:	67	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	
	2009.70.93	Of a value exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight, containing added sugar								
	2009.70.93	Of a value not exceeding ECU 18 per 100 kg net weight, with an added sugar content not exceeding 30% by weight								
	2009.70.99	Not containing added sugar	67	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	

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(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

(3) The quota for this product is opened in the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In case imports into the Community of live bovine domestic animals may exceed 500,000 heads for any given year, the Community may take the management measures needed to protect its market, notwithstanding any other rights given under the Agreement.

(4) The quota for this product is opened for Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The applied duty is 6%.

(5) The quota for the product is globally opened for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The Community may take into account, in the framework of its legislation and when appropriate, the supply needs of its market and the need to maintain its market balance.

(6) Excluded tenderloins presented alone.

(7) Subject to minimum import price arrangements.

Annex to Annex IIIa

**Minimum import price arrangement for
certain soft fruit for processing**

1. Minimum import prices are fixed for each marketing year for the following products :

CN Code	Description
0810 30 10	Blackcurrants, fresh

The minimum import prices are fixed by the Community in consultation with **Lithuania** taking into consideration the price evolution, imported quantities and market development in the Community.

2. The minimum import prices shall be respected in accordance with the following criteria :
 - during each three-month period of the marketing year the average unit value for each product listed in paragraph 1, imported into the Community, shall not be lower than the minimum import price for that product,
 - during any period of two weeks the average unit value for each product listed in paragraph 1, imported in the Community shall not be lower than 90% of the minimum import price for that product, in so far as the quantities imported during this period are not less than 4% of the normal annual import.
3. In case of non-respect of one of these criteria the Community may introduce measures ensuring that the minimum import price is respected for each consignment of the product concerned imported from Lithuania.

ANNEX III b

LITHUANIA

Imports into the Community of the following products originating in Lithuania shall be subject to the concessions set out below (MFN = most favoured nations duty) :

Order N°	CN code	Description (1)	applicable duty (% of MFN) (2)	BASE QUANTITY (tonnes)	ANNUAL QUANTITIES					specific provisions
					from 1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1997 to 30.6.1998 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1998 to 30.6.1999 (tonnes)	from 1.7.1999 to 30.6.2000 (tonnes)	from 1.7.2000 (tonnes)	
	0402.99.11	Milk or cream, condensed, added sugar	20	-	10	20	30	40	50	

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(2) In cases where an MFN minimum duty exists, the applicable minimum duty is equal to the MFN minimum duty multiplied by the percentage indicated in this column.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE:

1. BUDGET HEADING: 1000

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 864m

2. TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the agreements on free trade and related matters with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to take account of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations

3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 113 of the Treaty

4. AIMS OF PROJECT: To adjust, with effect from 1 July 1996, the trade agreements concluded with the Baltic States

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR
	Mio ECU	(96) Mio ECU	(97) Mio ECU
5.0. EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION) - NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION - OTHER			
5.1. REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL		2.1	7.2
	1998	1999	2000
	2001		
5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	5.5	5.3	5.0
5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE			
5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION: Quota quantities multiplied by the reduced CCT customs duties over five years			
6.0. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?	YES/NO		
6.1. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?	YES/NO		
6.2. IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?	YES/NO		
6.3. WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?	YES/NO		
OBSERVATIONS:	<p>The lack of statistical data and the current absence or weakness of certain trade flows make it difficult to assess the precise impact of this measure on own resources. For the same reasons, when "Baltic State" quotas form part of overall quotas for the CEEC (as in the case of live cattle) the impact is given on the CEEC financial statements.</p> <p>Lastly, in the two cases mentioned above the impact on own resources is negligible because of the current very low level of trade between the EU and the three Baltic States.</p>		

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